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TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES C.) CODEL DIGGS  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' DISCUSSIONS IN BONN

1. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS HAS APPROVED TEXT OF FOLLOWING REPORT OF  
HIS CONVERSATION WITH DR. LAHN OF THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IN  
BONN ON NOVEMBER 11.

2. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS, AND DR.  
CHALLENGER MET WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR LAHN AND VON SCHACKY  
OF THE AFRICAN DEPARTMENT FOR ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 11. THEY  
WERE ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF WILGIS. THE CONVERSATION COVERED  
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA, ANGOLA, NAMIBIA AND  
SOUTH AFRICA.

3. RHODESIA-

DR. LAHN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES.  
HE SAID THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE MAY BE OUR LAST  
CHANCE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AGREED  
THAT GENEVA IS THE LAST CHANCE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE  
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SECRETARY MUST RE-ENGAGE HIMSELF PERSONALLY IN THE CON-

REFERENCE THIS WEEK OR NEXT IN ORDER TO AVOID A COLLAPSE OF THE TALKS. THE SECRETARY SHOULD ADDRESS HIS EFFORTS TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA, SINCE THAT COUNTRY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF STOPPING WAR IN RHODESIA IMMEDIATELY, TOWARD SMITH DIRECTLY, AND TOWARD THE BRITISH TO ENCOURAGE THEIR BROADER INVOLVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ANGOLA-

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS BRIEFED DR. LAHN ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO ANGOLA. HE HAD CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH NETO AND OTHER LEADING ANGOLAN FIGURES THAT ANGOLA DESIRES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN STATES. THE CONGRESSMAN URGED THAT FRG MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN AFRICAN NATIONALISM AND COMMUNISM. DR. LAHN OUTLINED THE FRG'S ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA. STEPS IN THESE ATTEMPTS INCLUDED A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 11, 1975, RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA; A STATEMENT BY THE EC OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976, RECOGNIZING THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA; AND PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NETO HAD REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT SO FAR ANGOLA HAS NOT INVITED A DELEGATION FROM THE FRG TO COME TO LUSAKA TO NEGOTIATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

5. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM DR. LAHN, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT BLOCK ANGOLA'S ADMISSION TO THE UN. IN THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION DR. LAHN EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA RESEMBLES VERY CLOSELY THE POLICY OF THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA, HOWEVER, THE FRG IS NOT AS CONCERNED OVER THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS AS THE U.S. IS.

6. SOUTH AFRICA-

DR. LAHN EXPLAINED THE FRG POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA: NO ARMS SALES; MAINTENANCE OF TRADE RELATIONS; OPPOSITIVE

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TION TO COMPLETE ECONOMIC EMBARGO; AND MAINTENANCE OF A "CRITICAL DIALOGUE" IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE SOUTH AFRICA. WHEN CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CRITICAL DIALOGUE WERE, LAHN REPLIED THAT FROM TALKS WITH VORSTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER THE LATTER HAD GAINED AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FRG POSITION. SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS ASKED FOR TIME TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

7. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED IF THE FRG HAS EITHER ENCOURAGED OR DISCOURAGED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. LAHN REPLIED THAT THE FRG DOES NOT ENCOURAGE. IT GIVES NO ASSISTANCE, GUARANTEES OR LOANS AND SENDS NO TRADE MISSIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE FRG COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IN PRETORIA ONLY SUPPLIES INFORMATION; HE DOES NOT PROMOTE TRADE. WHEN ASKED IF GERMAN FIRMS MOVE INTO A VACUUM CREATED BY U.S. FIRMS; REFUSLA TO DO BUSINESS, VON SCHACKY ASSERTED THAT A GERMAN FIRM MIGHT, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED OR ASSISTED TO DO SO BY THE FRG. VON SCHACKY EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG HAS UNOFFICIALLY ENCOURAGED GERMAN FIRMS TO ADOPT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES IN SOUTH AFRICA. LARGE FIRMS, SUCH AS VOLKSWAGEN, MERCEDES AND BAYER DO THIS, BUT SMALLER FIRMS CANNOT AFFORD TO.

8. NAMIBIA-

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS BRIEFED LAHN ON HIS TALKS WITH NUJOMA AND ASKED ABOUT THE FRG MAINTENANCE OF A CONSULATE AND SEGREGATED SCHOOL IN WINDHOEK. DR. LAHN EXPLAINED THE FRG HAS NOT MADE A DECISION TO CLOSE CONSULATE. ITS CONCERN IS THAT THE 5,000 GERMAN NATIONALS IN NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL 15-20,000 ETHNIC GERMANS, RECEIVE CONSULAR SERVICES. VON SCHACKY EXPLAINED THAT APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE PARENTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE ADVOCATED DESEGREGATION OF THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS LOCAL LEGISLATION PERMITS. VON SCHACKY ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE CONSULATE MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH SWAPO.

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9. DR. CHALLENGOR RECOMMENDED THAT FRG MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR 32 MILLION DOLLARS FOR REFUGEE RELIEF IN ANGOLA. CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINGS INQUIRED ABOUT OPINION IN THE FRG WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA, TO WHICH LAHN REPLIED THAT THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT NAMIBIA SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT BUT THAT THE GERMANS IN NAMIBIA SHOULD HAVE A GUARANTEE OF MINORITY RIGHTS. DR. LAHN ALSO REPLIED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL PROBLEM IF THE GERMANS IN NAMIBIA RETURN TO THE FRG. IN A FURTHER EXPLANATION THAT THE GUARANTEE OF MINORITY RIGHTS WHICH THE FRG ADVOCATES IS LIMITED TO HUMAN RIGHTS, WOULD NOT INCLUDE PRIVILEGES, AND WOULD NOT EXCLUDE LAND REFORM.

10. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS REMARKED THAT THE GERMANS IN NAMIBIA STILL CELEBRATE HITLER'S BIRTHDAY. VON SCHACKY REPLIED THAT THERE ARE SOME WHO STILL CELEBRATE THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY. VON SCHACKY THEN OUTLINED THE FRG'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NAMIBIAN STUDENTS. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF 70 SCHOLARSHIPS A YEAR, GIVEN TO BOTH NAMIBIANS IN NAMIBIA AND NAMIBIANS WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. THE FRG FINDS IT MORE SUCCESSFUL TO TRAIN NAMIBIANS IN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES, BRING TO THE FRG ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE PURSUING PHD'S OR SPECIALIZED TRAINING. BUCHANAN

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